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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The enclosed PTO Form-1449 lists patents and publications submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97. Copies of the patents or publications are enclosed as necessary.

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing dates of prior Application No. 09/296,070, filed on April 21, 1999; and prior Application No. 09/550,814, filed on April 18, 2000. The references listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in the prior applications; therefore, under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), copies are not required to be provided herewith:

TIME OF FILING

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

1. X with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), no certification or fee is required.
2. after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:

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- A. _ a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), no fee is required.
- B. _ the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c).

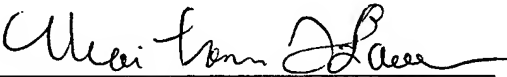
3. _ after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, whichever occurs first, but on or before payment of the issue fee. Applicant petitions for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2).

Applicant submits herewith:

- A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e); and
- B. the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)(1).

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